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Weekday Masses: Mon, Wed & Fri 5:30pm - Tue & Thurs 7:30am, Fri 8:15am during School Year
Weekend Masses: Sat. Vigil - 6:00pm; Sun. 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00noon (Spanish), 6:00pm (Youth Mass)
Confessions: Sat. 4:30pm-5:30pm & 15 min before the Evening Weekday Masses

Liturgies for the Week

Mon	Dec 26	5:30pm	+Daniel C. Ulbrich
Tues	Dec 27	7:30am	+Charley Squyres (in Chapel)
Wed	Dec 28	5:30pm	+Anita Evanicky
Thurs	Dec 29	7:30am	+Beth Motal Lewis (in Chapel)
Fri	Dec 30	5:30pm	+Leroy Sebesta
Sat	Dec 31	6:00pm	Living & Deceased Members of the Roman Polach Family
Sun	Jan 1	8:00am	+Larry and Betty Dolch and Unborn Child
Sun	Jan 1	10:00am	People of the Parish
Sun	Jan 1	12:00am	Samuel Gonzales on his 9 th Birthday
Sun	Dec 25	6:00pm	NO MASS

May the God of Hope fill you with all
 Joy and Peace in Believing that you
 may abound in hope through the
 power of the Holy Spirit.
 (Romans 15:13)

Merry Christmas!

Sunday, December 25, 2022
The Nativity of the Lord / Readings Begin at #795

“The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us (John 1:14). Merry Christmas! We wish each of you God’s abundant blessings as you celebrate the birth of our Savior, the Word of God, who became flesh and dwelt among us.

When John speaks of Jesus as “the Word,” he isn’t referring to the close to thirty thousand words that the average person hears each day. Most of these words go in one ear and out the other, but some stick with us and shape the way we think and the choices we make. These are the words that matter.

On this Christmas Day, St. John tells us of one Word that matters more than any other word we’ll ever hear. It’s Jesus, the *living* Word of God, who gives life to everything in the universe (John 1:3). He is the *divine* Word who imparts God’s “grace and truth” to us (1:14). He is the *holy* Word who “shines in the darkness” to deliver us from sin and death (1:5). He is the *eternal* Word who “became flesh” and who has “made His dwelling among us” (1:14).

Today can be a noisy day. We’ll be making a joyful noise as we sing “Glory to God in the Highest” and “Joy to the World” at Mass. Many of us will be part of the controlled chaos involved in unwrapping gifts and coming together for family celebrations. Who knows? We may hear as many as forty or fifty thousand words today! Of course, this is right and good. But at the center of it all is Jesus, the Word of God who came to speak life, healing, joy, and peace into our world.

As noisy as today may be, make sure you set aside time to sit quietly and listen for Jesus’ voice. Welcome Him into your heart. Let Him share the good news of salvation with you. Let Him tell you again that He loves you.

“Jesus, Word of the Father, come and speak Your words of grace and peace to my heart.”
(from “The Word Among Us”)

If you would like a Mass said for a loved one, living or deceased, see the Church Office.

If you are new to the parish, please register your family in the church office or fill out a form from the back of church and drop in the collection basket. Please let your previous parish know.

The Emmaus Center in Victoria provides individual, marital and family counseling services from a Catholic perspective, regardless of religious affiliation, gender, race or age. To schedule an appointment or for info call (361) 212-0830.

Prayer Chain: If you are interested in volunteering to be a part of the St. Anthony Prayer Chain, please call Tracey or Chrissy in the Church Office.

Calendar for the Week

Mon	Dec 26	Church Office Closed
Tues	Dec 27	TNT Quilters, 8:00am at Columbus Hall
Fri	Dec 30	Church Office Closed
Sat	Dec 31	Deacon John’s Birthday New Years Adoration, 11pm-midnight in Church
Sun	Jan 1	HAPPY NEW YEAR!! Feast of the Solemnity of Mary & the Nativity of the Lord No 6:00pm Youth Mass

Last Weekend’s Collection

\$ 3127.00 Envelopes
 \$ 1218.00 Loose
“Thank you for your generosity!”

2022 Diocesan Services Appeal (DSA): St. Anthony’s DSA goal for 2022 is **\$39,388.00**. To date, parishioners have pledged \$19,765 towards the DSA, leaving a balance of \$19,623. We ask that you prayerfully consider your gift. Donations can be mailed directly to the Diocese or brought to the church office. No gift is too small and we earnestly thank you for your generosity.

Please remember
 St. Anthony Church and School
 in your end of year donations.

If you would like to purchase **Catholic Life Insurance Sweepstakes** tickets, come by the church or the school office. Last year, this fundraiser brought in \$6,100 for SAS, so not only do you get a chance to win \$20,000, a Toyota Corolla, or a Roman Holiday, you’re also helping our school! Win-Win! Tickets are \$5 each.

*Help us in wishing
 Deacon John
 a Happy Birthday on
 Saturday, December 31!!*

Altar Servers Needed! If your child would like to be trained to be an Altar Server (must have received First Communion), please contact the church office (732-2562). We are always looking for prayerful little hearts to help Father and the deacons on the altar.

<u>Ministers to serve Christmas Eve</u>	<u>Ministers to serve Christmas Day</u>	<u>Ministers Serving Next Week</u>
5pm C/L M Walla T Theut	8am C/L Volunteers Y Wagner	6pm C/L A Medrano T Lilie
9pm C/L K Lanham, L & W Glueck S Glueck	10am C/L C & K Crosby, Volunteer N Nelson	8am C/L K & K Glueck, J Neal T Wostarek
11pm C/L S & I Espinosa, Volunteer C Espinosa	12:00 C/L L Alvarez, 2 more volunteer L Flores	10am C/L M Ehlert, A & I Hndz L Novosad
		12:00 C/L S & S Gonzals, L Alvarez N Gonzales

*Come pray the
 Rosary with us!
 Wednesdays at 6:00pm
 Saturdays at 5:30pm
 Sundays at 7:30am
 Sundays 11:20am in Spanish*

If you, or anyone you know, are able to **provide a meal for our C3YM youth group program**, we are in need of help! Our youth groups are held on Wednesday nights, from 6-8pm, and the meal would need to feed about 80 youth! Please contact Kat Robinson (979-732-4313) if you are able to help provide a meal, and spread the message to anyone else you think would be interested!

January Altar Decorators: Jessie Rau, Theresa Hudec, Sharon Hall, Connie Elizondo, Ann Canik, Debra Rerich, Kara Kleimann, Haley Wolters, Patricia Lares Rodriguez

New Years Mass Schedule:

Saturday, Dec 31	6pm Adoration from 11-midnight
Sunday, Jan 1	8am, 10am, 12noon (Spanish) No 6pm Mass on Sunday

Raphael’s Refuge will commemorate the Feast of the Holy Innocents on December 28th with a Mass celebrated by Bishop Brendan Cahill at 11:00am. The Rosary will be recited at 10:10am, followed by the singing of Christmas carols. Everyone is invited to our potluck luncheon after Mass. Drinks are provided. Be sure to dress appropriately, as there is no central air or heat.

Happenings around the Diocese:
(Go to victoriadiocese.org for more info or see fliers on bulletin board)
Raphael’s Refuge, Feast of the Holy Innocents—Dec. 28, Rosary will be at 10:10am, followed by Mass at 11:00am. Potluck luncheon afterwards.
World Youth Day, Lisbon—July 31-August 10, 2023. A group from the Diocese of Victoria will be going, led by Bishop Brendan Cahill. For more information contact LeAnn Brand at 833-910-1545 or LeAnn@lpjp.org.

